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IDENTITY CARD TO BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme for issuing identity cards to all beedi workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beedi workers who have been issued identity cards during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which all eligible beedi workers are likely to be issued identity cards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : Identity cards are issued to beedi workers by the Medical Officers of the Labour Welfare Organisation. However, the State Governments have also been requested to conduct survey in order to identify and issue identity cards to the genuine beedi workers in their States. Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Assam have taken initiatives for conducting survey and issued of identity cards to the beedi workers.The State of Rajasthan has already completed the task of identification of genuine beedi workers in the year 2005.

(c): A statement is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(d): Issue of identity cards to beedi workers is an ongoing process.